# NATURAL NEWS

The Field Museum
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The Earth And Its
People

WEEKLY STAFF NEWSLETTER
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## *Thanks!*

### *To Dino Families and Dino Dig Staff*

*Albertosaurus*-sized crowds have benefited from a *Supersaurus*-sized volunteer staff in **Dinosaur Families** and **Dino Dig** this summer. Fifty adult volunteers were trained and ready to go on Memorial Day-- thirty of these were new volunteers and twenty were current Education volunteers who are giving extra time this summer. Joining the adult group on June 23 were forty-eight teens. (Eighteen of the teens had worked the previous summer on **Spiders!**) The job of scheduling the volunteers and keeping the operation running smoothly has fallen to summer managers -- **Shari Fetterman** and **Kathleen Wiebel** for **Dinosaur Families** and **Kavan Yee** and **Johanna Krynytzky** for **Dino Dig.** Also assisting in the **Dino Dig** were facilitators **George Wolnak, Barbara Getzoff, Cheryl Parker** and **Abmiel Maldonado.** Some of the staff and volunteers will soon be heading back to school or off for end-of-summer vacations, so the Education Department wants to thank all these people who have made the summer exhibits successful. We hope the summer experience was such a great one the "summer help" continues its support of the Museum, through volunteering, attending programs, or other "Museum groupie" behavior.

The end-of-the-season party for the **Dino Family & Dino Dig** summer volunteer staff will be held on Sunday, August 24 from 3:00 p.m. on, on the lawn just north of Shedd Aquarium. This is the same day as the Air and Water show so we expect many off-duty volunteers to come early for that event. The Museum will provide food and drinks, but you must RSVP to the exhibit managers to let them know how many to plan for. All staff members who contributed to the exhibit are welcome. Call x497 to let us know you're coming.

### *INTERNS IN EDUCATION FILL MANY ROLES*

The Education Department has been fortunate to have six interns this summer..

**Matt Harris,** is from Antioch University where he studies Japanese culture. Matt has helped keep the collaborative summer camp (Shedd, Adler & Field) running smoothly. He has also researched information for next year's **Butterflies** exhibit programming and has worked on the Chicago Park District's minifests. **Zach Intrater** and **Gaorav Gupta** are interns from The

University of Chicago's Summer Links Program. Zach is an art history and political science major, and Gaorov majors in biochemistry. Both have worked on program evaluation, including visitor responses to the Thursday Nights; they have also worked with the new preschool story program. All three interns have helped out by staffing resource centers, and assisting in overnights, and have provided extra hands during busy times in the **Dino Families** and **Dino Dig** exhibits.

**Abigail Moody Sinwell,** a graduate student at Northwestern University's Kellogg School in Non-Profit Management is working on a marketing project with Education's Division of Adult, Family and Children's Programs. **Ann Kenny,** a fellow grad student with the Kellogg School, working primarily this summer in Museum Affairs, is assisting Abigail with her project.

Assisting **Maureen Ransom** with **Living Together** programs are **Marie-Reine Dupont-Vescia** from Roosevelt University and **Akiko Takeda,** from the University of Illinois-Chicago. Marie is developing a self-guided tour and has organized percussion instrument-making sessions for the Living Together opening. Akiko Takeda is creating a brochure the cross-cultural dance performance, which may also become part of the Harris loan material.

*HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING NEEDS STAFF INPUT*

Traditionally the Museum's busiest week is the week between Christmas and New Year's. Last year's Masks Festival was a big success, and this year the holiday festival, titled "Coming Together to Celebrate" will be tied in to the **Living Together** exhibit. We hope to explore many winter holidays and stress the common ways people celebrate--such as giving gifts, decorating their homes and celebrating through song, dance and performance. Additionally we expect to explore the tradition of calendars and welcoming in the new year.

Please join us in planning this week-long festival by attending a planning session Tuesday, August 19 at noon in Harris Center. No obligation to help out that week -- though we would appreciate it. At this point we just want ideas. Call **Joyce Matuszewich** (x658) if you are interested in helping but cannot attend the Tuesday meeting.

African Heritage Days are also in the planning stage. To participate with this planning group, call **Rosaura Boone** (x288).

## *Need a Beach?*

As we all know, this summer's **Dinosaur Families** exhibits have been a huge success. The **Dino Dig** has been extraordinarily popular with the kiddies! However, with the end of the summer rapidly approaching, we have been planning the disassemblement of the Dino Tent (beginning September 2). This means that we have two huge sandboxes full of sand to dump somewhere. If anyone is looking to acquire some sand for a sandbox or whatever, we will be more than happy to get rid of some; we have lots! Bring your buckets down to the tent during the day September 2 & 3 and dig in. Questions? Call Dino Tent Managers **Johanna Krynytzky** or **Kavan Yee** (x649).

# *United Way Day at The Field Museum*

Dear Fielders,

This year at The Field Museum we have set aside Tuesday, August 19th 1997, as United Way's Field Day. We are participating for the first time in *The Gift In Kind* program through The United Way Crusade of Mercy. We have invited more than 500 children and adults from the Chicago and suburban areas to visit *our* Museum and complementary view this summer's blockbuster exhibit, Dinosaur Families. This will be a first time visit for many of these children and we are working towards making it a memorable one. The Field Museum is the first institution to participate in this type of program. Many thanks to Lynnetta Brown, Bob Cantu and all of Public Services for helping pull this special day together.

If you have time, help our Volunteers, Education and Public Services Departments welcome all of theses challenged children to The Field Museum. I would like to personally invite all of you into Stanley Field Hall on Tuesday to say hello to these special children. It is amazing how much a smile and a friendly hello can be worth.

Look forward to our upcoming United Way Campaign in September. A special thanks to the "old timers" and the "first timers" serving on the campaign this year:

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| Beth Adams | Michelle Alcarez | Veronica Alexander | Cindy Andresen |
| Lisa Bergwall | Carolyn Byrne | Michelle Calhoun | Michael Caruthers |
| Marlene Donnelly | Denise Easley | Rayfield Drake | Valerie Gardner |
| Cathy Geraghty | Bev Gilliam | Joe Halik | Juan G. Hernandez |
| Paula Horecny | Martina Hough | Jennifer Hutchinson | Charles James III |
| Peter Lowther | Kim Mazanek | Jeremiah Nimene | Chris Ochoa |
| Jenny Hioms | Phil Parillo | Pat Phillips | Anita Purnell |
| Moses Rasberry | Mia Schillace | Al Spencer | Dave Willard |

If anyone else is interested in joining our team, please call me at ext. 378. I can also answer any questions or concerns you may have.

By participating in *The Gift In Kind* program and the campaign we help "improve people's lives and build community - by raising hopes and reaching dreams..."

Thank you,

**Annie Crawley**
Chairperson United Way Crusade of Mercy

# EDUCATORS' BIODIVERSITY INSTITUTE A SUCCESS!

Forty-one Chicago-area educators attended the "Chicago Urban Biodiversity Institute for Educators" here at The Field Museum. The Field Museum's Education Department and Environmental Conservation Programs joined efforts with **World Wildlife Fund** and **Chicago Wilderness** to teach formal and nonformal educators about global and local biodiversity. Staff facilitators and instructors included **John Wagner, Carol Fialkowski, Pamela Wrenn, and David McKoski**. Other Museum staff on hand to share their skills and expertise included **William Burger** and **Paul Baker**.

Featured facilitator/trainer, **Betty Olivolo**, presented World Wildlife Fund's *Windows on the Wild* environmental education activities for formal and nonformal use. Other presenters throughout this week-long institute included **Debra Moskovits**, **Rich Block** of the Indianapolis Zoo, **Jerry Sullivan** of the Cook County Forest Preserve District, **Valerie Keener** of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, **Barbara Radner** of DePaul University, and **Joe Heimlich** of Ohio State University. Other highlights included field trips to Suder Elementary School with a schoolyard habitat tour given by teacher, **Sandra Stone**, as well as visits to Gompers Park and Dett Elementary School. This project is grant supported by Chicago Wilderness and World Wildlife Fund, and will award three hours graduate science credit through **Aurora University** upon successful completion in 1998. Institute participants will re-convene January of 1998 to present environmental education projects they've incorporated at their schools or institutions.

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## *Thank you!*

To **Cindy Andresen** for the marvelous -- and very time-consuming -- job of rallying and organizing the troops for Field Museum's participation in the Chase Corporate Challenge. Cindy is thanking everyone else for their efforts in this week's *Natural News* -- she herself deserves lots of applause for her leadership and organizational ability. Thanks Cindy -- we probably wouldn't have done it without you! -- **Carolyn Klyce**

**PARKING ALERT**
**Aug. 22**
**Bears**

**On August 22, staff must vacate the Soldier Field parking lots by 3:30 p.m. due to the Bears Game. As space permits, staff may move cars into the west lot at this time.**

**DEPARTMENT MANAGERS are urged to plan ahead with staff. Options include flexible hours (coming into work one hour early in order to leave at 3:30 p.m. or making up the time on another date; taking personal leave time or vacation). Questions? Call Marilyn Martinson (x240).**

# A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE FIRST ANNUAL WOMEN'S BOARD OVERNIGHT!!!

The night was a wonderful success thanks to the fantastic support from the entire Museum Staff.

Robert, James and the entire crew from Housekeeping....As always you guys were terrific!!

Floyd....What would we do without you?? Thanks for coming in on your vacation!!

Ron, Annie, Anita, Luke and the entire Visitor Services Staff....Thanks for your help and patience!!

Bob....Once again, the Audio Visual Staff went above and beyond, thank you!!

Miriam, Josef, Marcia and the entire Security Staff....Thanks for making us feel so secure!!

Peter, Kristie, Joe, Kavan, Cheryl, Beth and Stephen....Thanks for your guidance and support!!

Dolly, Ms. Elsie, Leo, Timothy, Bethel and Juan....The food was delicious, thank you!!

Alice....The stories were a delightful treat!!

Dennis, Laura, Peter and Heather....The workshops were dead-on great!!

Lastly, the four group leaders, Adam K., Adam S., Annie and Anita ....Thanks for your energy, enthusiasm and cheerful support!!

The Women's Board greatly appreciates ALL the Museum does to ensure the success of its events!!!

Withrow Meeker and Cindy Andresen

# Congratulations Field Museum Team!!

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| Beth Adams | Patricia Alverez | Cindy Andresen | Tina Augustus |
| Bill Ballard | Steve Bell | Sonja Berg | Kathy Bellovich |
| Lisa Bergwall | Floyd Blunston | Ray Bondoc | Lucy Bukowski |
| Michael Caruthers | Jonathan Copulsky | Annie Crawley | Jim Croft |
| Dolores Cross | Beth Crownover | Denise Eeasley | Michele Eck |
| Christine English | Byron Espinoza | Leatrice Evans | Tasha Evans |
| Shari Fetterman | Thomas Gnoske | Johnsie Golliday | Melina Hale |
| Ron Hall | Jennifer Hutchinson | Fui Lian Inger | Robert Inger |
| Jeff Janovetz | Adam Kashuba | Lance Kirsch | Debbie Kvapil |
| Carolyn Klyce | Sarah Lansing | Judy McCarter | John McCarter |
| Karlyn Morris-Gary | Genivive Nano | Lucinda Nicholas | Alynna Nielsen |
| Chris Ochoa | John Ososky | Michael Paha | Julie Pitzen |
| Anita Purnell | David Quednau | Paula Robinson | Laura Sadler |
| Irma Sanchez | Addie Scott | Adam Shapiro | Towanda Simmons |
| Randy Smith | Sheila Spencer | Hedy Turnbull | Sophia Twichell |
| Amanda Tyson | Dirk Urban | Marcel Vallot | Susan VandenBosch |
| Robert Vosper | Tatzyana Wachter | Jeff Walker | Jeanette Watson |
| Susan Webb | Kristie Webber | Robert Weiglen | John Weinstein |
| Felisia Wesson | Mark Westneat | Diane White | Lisa Wodis |
| Erica Zahnle | | | |

## Our Winning Men

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| Bill Ballard | 21:13 |
| Mark Westneat | 23:29 |
| Jonathan Copulsky | 23:30 |
| Peter Stevenson | 24:00 |
| Lance Kirsh | 25:07 |
| Steven Bell | 25:44 |
| Adam Shapiro | 27:45 |
| Ray Bondoc | 28:01 |
| Ron Hall | 28:35 |
| Jeff Walker | 29:13 |

## Our Winning Women

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| Kristie Webber | 29:14 |
| Melina Hale | 29:50 |
| Dolores Cross | 30:00 |
| Annie Crawley | 30:15 |
| Cindy Andresen | 30:50 |
| Amanda Tyson | 33:04 |
| Cathy Geraghty | 33:14 |
| Laura Sadler | 33:20 |
| Sonja Berg | 34:04 |
| Geniveve Nano | 34:23 |

Kudos to the following Museum Staff who helped make the Field Museum Chase Team possible, a great post- party and tons of fun!!

Dolly Ayala, Johnsie Galloday, Robert Harris, Debbie Kvapil, Becky Lopez, Marilyn Martinson, Lucinda Nicholas, Craig Rich, Laurie Sanders, Adam Shapiro, Diane White, and Juan Zamudio

A huge thank you to our team leaders who recruited all runners and walkers!
Erica Blair, Lucy Bukowski, Annie Crawley, Marcia Pyle, Sophie Twichell, and Kristie Webber

YOUR participation help raised money for the Pooler-Montgomery Foundation; an inner-city after-school running program.

Thank you and start training for next year!
John McCarter and Cindy Andresen

## *Congratulations!*

Please join me in congratulating Barbara Allen on her promotion to Assistant Store Manager, Museum Stores. Barbara has been a supervisor in the stores for the past four years. This year, Barbara has taken on many additional responsibilities with great enthusiasm and energy. Great job, Barbara!

During the month of August, the stores will be offering discounts on selected jewelry, gifts and boks. Sale tables will be set up outside the main store. Discounts ranging from 30% - 90% off the original price!

**Laura Sadler,** Director of Auxiliary Services

## CENTER FOR CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND CHANGE

*PROFILES: CCUC/ANTHROPOLOGY SUMMER INTERNS*

**David Coble** has been an intern in the CCUC for the past six months. David came to The Field Museum from Valparaiso University via the Chicago Arts Program. He has assisted with Member's Night activities, **Living Together** surveys and the Lincoln Park Zoo's Summer Internship Program. Currently he is working with the Center's Community Partners. David works closely with **Jaci Carter** as well as other amazing people. He feels that this opportunity has been immeasurable for future career plans.

"The summer has been a tremendous opportunity to learn, gain valuable experience and meet terrific people," says **Abigail Baim-Lance**, intern for CCUC. Since mid-June, Abigail has been immersed in the **Living Together** exhibit as she compiles info for the education department's resource booklet. She is also working on the gallery guide that will accompany the exhibit to provide more in-depth explanations of its conceptual framework. She feels that **Living Together** is a crucial exhibit to promote cultural understanding and will pave the way for greater tolerance in the years to come. She plans to take all that she has learned to Haverford College this fall.

## CENTER FOR EVOLUTIONARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

*MARTIAN METEORITES ON METROPOLIS*

Assistant Curator **Meenakshi Wadhwa** (Geology) was a special guest on "Metropolis," the Saturday afternoon WBEZ radio program, hosted by Aaron Freeman. Meenakshi covered a

variety of Mars-related topics - comparing the Mars Pathfinder's recent observations with research on the composition of Martian meteorites found on Earth and Earth rocks. The Field Museum owns five of the six non-Antarctic Martian meteorites. Twelve total are known, but the six found on Antarctic soil may only be owned by the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C.

*FIELD MUSEUM BOTANISTS ATTEND AIBS MEETINGS IN MONTREAL*

The 1997 Association of Biological Sciences Meeting was held last week (3-7 August) in Montreal and Field Museum botanists and paleobotanists were out in force. **Kathleen Pryer** and **François Lutzoni** (Botany) each organized a symposium. François' symposium was partially supported by funds from Academic Affairs and Botany. **Peter Crane** (Academic Affairs), **Pat Herendeen** and **Rick Lupia** (Geology), **Greg Mueller** with **Qiuxin Wu**, **Tom Lammers**, **Sabine Huhndorf** with **Fernando Fernandez**, **Jack Murphy**, **Andrew Douglas, Kathleen Pryer, Francois Lutzoni** (all of Botany), **Kari Morris** (recent MS graduate with Tom Lammers), **Susana Magallon**, and **Melinda Brady** (both students of Peter Crane, Uof C) gave presentations. Tom Lammers also chaired a session of contributed papers in the American Society of Plant Taxonomists' portion of the program. **Jennifer Crodian**, **Jodi Irwin**, **Yolanta Miadlikowska**, **David Quist**, **Valerie Reeb**, **Jacinto Regalado** and **Betty Strack** (Botany) also attended. **Melinda Brady** received the Maynard Moseley Award from the Structure and Development section for her presentation on a computer model of flower development, and former botany intern, **Elizabeth Pine** (UC Berkeley) received the Graduate Student Prize for best paper in the Mycological Society of America. François also co-organized a four-day post-meeting field trip for the American Bryological and Lichenological Society along the St. Lawrence River north of Quebec City. Last but not least, Peter Crane's new book with Paul Kenrick is now officially "out" and received an excellent reception at the meeting.

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**ALARMS WILL SOUND -- August 29, 1997**

On Friday, August 29, 1997, Mid West Fire Protection will test the fire pump in the Museum. They will start at 6:00 a.m. and will continue until about 9:00 a.m. Alarms may sound at various times throughout the building. The fire pump will be run and water discharged into the west lot at 8:00 a.m.

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